

## Division of Licensing Services Office of Child Care Licensing

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TO: PERSONS INTERESTED IN CHILD CARE LICENSING

FROM: OFFICE OF CHILD CARE LICENSING, ADHS

Thank you for your inquiry regarding information about the Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL) and requirements for operating a child care facility in the state of Arizona.

A child care facility is any facility in which child care is regularly provided for compensation for five or more children.

As defined by state law, child care means "the care, supervision and guidance of a child or children, unaccompanied by parent, guardian or custodian, on a regular basis, for periods of less than twenty-four hours per day, in a place other than the child's or the children's own home or homes."

OCCL was established to ensure the health, safety and well-being of children in child care facilities. As such, OCCL is responsible for the development of adequate standards to address the physical space, equipment, programs and services, as well as the good character of all applicants and facility personnel.

A Child Care Licensing Surveyor is assigned to each facility to monitor compliance with departmental rules and regulations. All facilities licensed by the Department of Health Services are visited on a periodic basis, with at least one unannounced visit made annually. Further, a standard evaluation instrument is utilized by the Licensing Surveyor to determine compliance, as well as to ensure an equitable, consistent method of assessing licensed child care facilities.

OCCL is responsible for providing technical assistance, training of staff and investigating complaints for licensed and unlicensed activities.

Regional offices have been established in Flagstaff and Tucson with assigned surveyors available throughout the state. Files containing compliance evaluation reports, complaint reports, sanitation, fire safety and staffing reports are maintained in each office and are accessible to the public.

A surveyor is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to respond to inquiries and take complaints regarding alleged violations of state laws and/or child care rules. All complaints are investigated and the information is placed in the public file.

If you are interested in pursuing the licensing of a facility to provide child care, contact the Phoenix Office, (602) 364-2539, Tucson Office, (520) 628-6540 or Flagstaff Office, (928) 774-2707 and request the Child Care Facility Submittal Packet or log on to http://www.azdhs.gov/als/childcare/index.htm.

Thank you for your interest in the well-being of Arizona's most valuable resource - children.

**Enclosures** 

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| return the fo   | orm to the office  | three locations in the state. Please location indicated. <u>CALL A WEIJON</u> . Contact the Tucson Office for    | e complete the information below and EK PRIOR TO THE SESSION TO or trainings offered in Yuma.                           |
| Thank you for   | r your continued in  | terest.<br>  |   |
| OFFICE OF CHILI<br>150 NORTH 18 <sup>TH</sup> A<br>PHOENIX, ARIZO<br>Phone: (602) 364-2 |  | OFFICE OF CHILD CARE LICENSING<br>400 WEST CONGRESS, SUITE 100<br>TUCSON, ARIZONA 85701<br>Phone: (520) 628-6540 | OFFICE OF CHILD CARE LICENSING<br>1500 EAST CEDAR AVENUE, SUITE 22<br>FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA 86004<br>Phone: (928) 774-2707 |
| Fax: (602) 364-476  | 58   | Fax: (520) 628-6537  | Fax: (928) 774-2830   |
| NAME:   |  | _  |   |
| ADDRESS:  |  | CITY:  | ZIP:  |
| TELEPHONE   | :  | _  |   |
| I am planning   | to attend a child care   | e licensing training on(date)  | , at (location)   |

### STATEWIDE CHILD CARE CENTERS TRAININGS DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

**PHOENIX** - 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 400 Training Room. Bring lunch and drink – there are no vending machines available. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Free parking is provided on the first level in the Parking Garage across from our building.

 January 24, 2006
 May 23, 2006
 September 26, 2006

 February 28, 2006
 June 27, 2006
 October 24, 2006

 March 28, 2006
 July 25, 2006
 November 21, 2006

 April 25, 2006
 August 22, 2006

#### MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATIONS FOR PHOENIX TO:

Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Child Care Licensing 150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 400 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Phone: (602) 364-2539 Toll Free: (800) 615-8555 Fax: (602) 364-4768

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**TUCSON** - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at 400 West Congress, Room 158 *Free parking in the Parking Garage adjacent to our Complex*.

February 8, 2006 May 10, 2006 September 13, 2006 November 15, 2006

#### MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATIONS FOR TUCSON TO:

Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Child Care Licensing 400 West Congress, Suite 100 Tucson, Arizona 85701

Phone: (520) 628-6540 Toll Free: (800) 615-8555 Fax: (520) 628-6537

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FLAGSTAFF - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1500 East Cedar Avenue, Suite 22, Flagstaff.

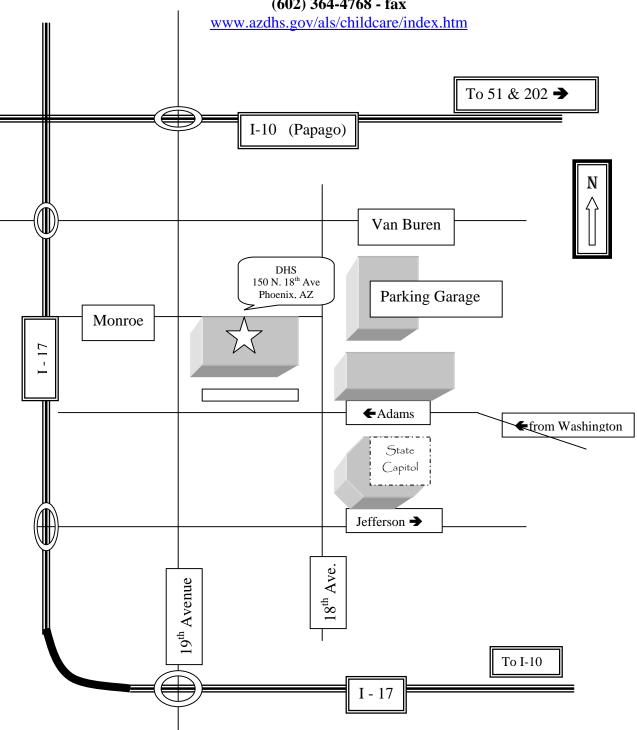
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#### MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATIONS FOR FLAGSTAFF TO:

Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Child Care Licensing 1500 East Cedar, Suite 22 Flagstaff, Arizona 86004 Phone: (928) 774-2707

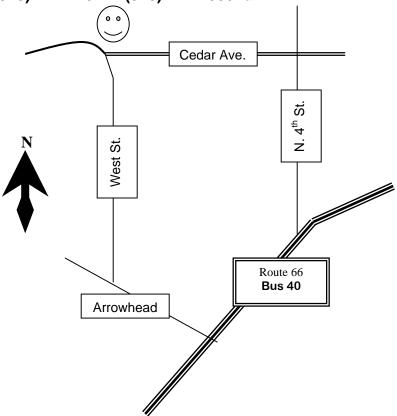
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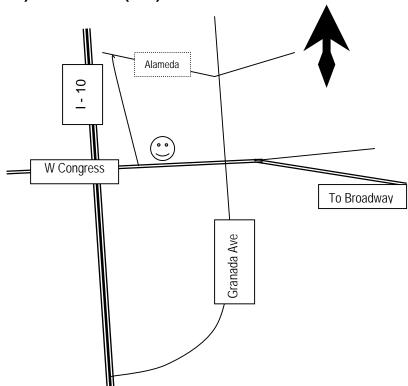
Free public parking is available on the first floor of the parking garage across the street to the East of 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Entrance to the garage is directly off Monroe.

## Office of Child Care Licensing 1500 East Cedar Avenue, #22 Flagstaff, AZ 86004 (928) 774-2707 (928) 774-2830 fax



Route 66/ Bus 40 to Arrowhead Take Arrowhead to West Street and turn right (north). North to Cedar; cross Cedar to the Safeway Shopping Center. Office is located in Suite 22.

## Office of Child Care Licensing 400 West Congress, #100 Tucson, AZ 85701 (520) 628-6540 (520) 628-6537 fax



Exit I-10 at W. Congress Street. After crossing the railroad track, the parking ramp (longer term) and roadway to short-term parking are located on the north side of the street, to the west of our building.